Setting up of National Judicial Commission

581. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the process of setting up of a National Judicial Commission;

(b) whether the composition of the Commission will be based on the recommendations of the National Committee to review the working of the Indian Constitution;

(c) whether the Commission is likely to be vasted with powers to probe judicial misconduct; and

(d) whether it is necessary to amend the Judges (Inquiry) Act to provide for initiating measures against Judges accused of misbehaviour/ misdemeanours?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Governmet is committed to setting up of a National Judicial Commission which would make recommendations for appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts as also draw up a Code of Ethics for Judges. Political parties have been requested to communicate their views on various aspects of the proposed National Judicial Commission.

(b) to (d) The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution has recommended for setting up the National Judicial Commission for the Supreme Court Only. It has also *inter alia* recommended that a permanent Committee comprising the Chief Justice of India and two seniormost Judges of the Supreme Court of India, be empowered to examine complaints of deviant behaviour of all kinds and complaints of misbehaviour and incapacity of Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts. The recommendation would be taken into account while establishing the National Judicial Commission.

Inquiry committees on High Court Judges

582. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: